

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the Organ Donor Center of Hawai'i is dedicated to promoting public awareness and increasing the number of organ, tissue and eye donors in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, at any given time in Hawai'i, 14 people are awaiting cornea transplants while approximately 400 more await heart, liver, kidney or pancreas transplants; and

**WHEREAS**, each organ and tissue donor can help up to 50 people with life-saving and life-enhancing procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, education, legislative support, partnerships with local hospitals, media attention and visibility help increase organ donations; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i's aloha tradition of caring and compassion for others will help increase the number of organ donors; and

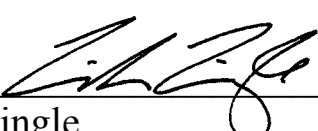
**WHEREAS**, the gifts of life, sight and healing are truly the most generous and honorable gifts one person can share with another,

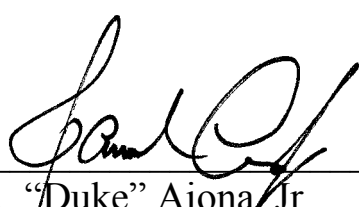
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE**, Governor of the State of Hawai'i and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim April 2006, as

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in Hawai'i, and encourage our residents to acknowledge the valuable role of those who make successful transplantation possible – especially donors and their families.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eleventh day of May 2006.

  
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Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
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James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i